

SITUATION REPORT NO. 21
INCIDENT NO. 2002-009
DATE: October 2, 2002 TIME: 4:00 p.m.

TO: Governor John Hoeven
State Capitol
Bismarck, ND 58505

1. NATURE OF DISASTER: Severe Summer Storms, Flooding - Severe thunderstorms have produced heavy rain, gusty winds, hail and flooding.
2. DEATHS AND INJURIES: A total of five injuries have been reported to the State Emergency Operations Center (EOC) relative to this event.
3. DAMAGES: The United States Department of Agriculture issued a Flash Situation Report for Cass County indicating high winds and hail on September 18 affected 5,000 acres of soybeans causing a 60 percent loss.

On October 2, the level of Devils Lake measured 1,447.00 feet and Stump Lake measured 1,413.50 feet.

4. RESOURCES:

LOCAL: No change from previous reports.

STATE: No change from previous reports.

FEDERAL: No change from previous reports.

5. VOLUNTEER ACTIONS: Officials from the Red River Chapter of the American Red Cross reported all 47 cases in Park River have been closed.
6. MAJOR ACTIONS: On September 26, Governor Hoeven signed the FEMA/State Agreement, which stipulates understandings, commitments, and conditions under which federal assistance will be provided for FEMA-DR-1431-ND.

On September 25 -27, federal, state and local officials conducted a Preliminary Damage Assessment (PDA) in Walsh County to determine the amount flood damage to individual public infrastructure sites caused by severe storm activity on August 27-28. The PDA indicated \$36,421 in damages.

Twenty-three Request for Public Assistance applications have been approved for FEMA-DR-1431-ND.

Thus far, Public Assistance obligations to local governments for FEMA-DR-1431-ND total \$177,109.

A Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) applicant briefing for officials from the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation was held October 1 in the Division of Emergency Management conference room. Application procedures plus planning, administration and eligibility requirements were discussed.

Walsh County officials reported that all roadways previously closed due heavy rainfall and flooding on August 27-28 are now open.

7. ASSISTANCE NEEDED: No change from previous reports.
8. OUTSIDE HELP ON SCENE: No change from previous reports.
9. OTHER: Currently, 556 horses have tested positive for West Nile Virus; Divide remains the only county in which horses have not tested positive for the virus. No change from the 45 positive bird tests has occurred. In North Dakota, probable human cases of West Nile Virus now total 15, including two deaths.

Appropriate state, local and private entity emergency operations plans and procedures have been implemented.

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